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## OLDEST LIVING TONGUES.

SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF  
LEARNING TO SPEAK GOOD CHINESE.

From the Youth's Companion.

The oldest spoken language now existent upon the earth is the Chinese. It has an enormous list of words—the estimate of the number of characters ranges from 25,000 to 200,000. The language has no alphabet. Each character represents a complete idea, and corresponds, practically, to the English word. It is written in columns from top to bottom of the page and from right to left. A Chinese book ends where an English book begins. Writing is done with a fine camel's hair brush and India ink.

The lack of an alphabet and the number of characters make learning to read Chinese burdensome. Each character must be learned by itself. When the student has mastered 5,000 characters the succeeding thousand must be learned in the same way. Those which he has mastered furnish no assistance to learning the others, save as practice may have given him a certain quickness in perceiving the peculiar form which distinguishes each character from its fellows:

The grammar of the language is so simple as to be almost non-existent. The same word serves differently as a noun, verb, adverb or adjective. Moods, tense, persons, gender and numbers are lacking; there are neither conjugations, nor declensions, nor auxiliary verbs. The few Chinese who have attempted to master the English tongue regard its grammatical construction as clumsy and full of pitfalls.

The Chinese characters give no clue to the pronunciation, and no amount of book study will enable a foreigner to speak the language. That ability must be acquired by months of drill, a quick ear and great flexibility of the vocal organs. Even the most faithful effort fails to enable many foreigners to speak Chinese correctly.

Chester Holcomb, for many years interpreter to the United States Legation at Peking, from whose interesting book, "The Real Chinaman," we have copied, relates several anecdotes illustrative of a foreigner's almost inevitable blunders in speaking Chinese.

Mr. Holcomb once heard a valuable missionary address the Deity in prayer, before a crowded Chinese audience, as "O thou omnivorous God." It meant to say "omniscient," but used an aspirated instead of an unspirated *ch*. Another missionary saw with astonishment the audience hurriedly leave his chapel in response to what he thought was an invitation from his lips to be seated. An aspirated "t" had turned the supposed speech of welcome into the information that they had made a mistake in entering the chapel.

In Chinese the tone in which a word is spoken determines its meaning as much as the sound does. For instance: In Chinese a man ceases to be a man if you change the tone of the voice in uttering the word, and may become a disease, a nightingale, or a carrot. One tone, and one only, expresses man. There are four of these tones in standard or mandarin dialect—a high-curling inflection and a falling inflection.

The sound "man," if uttered in the first tone, means brazen-faced; in the second, to bribe; in the third full, and in the fourth slow. These four tones are the occasions of absurd blunders.

A missionary once informed his audience that the Saviour, when on earth, "went about eating cake." He intended to say "healing the sick," but an aspirate wrongly placed changed the healing to eating, while an error in tone made cake out of the sick.

On one occasion, when Mr. Holcomb was the host of a large dinner party, he ordered his Chinese butler to supply some small article that was not on the table. The man seemed puzzled, then went out and returned with the kitchen upon a tray. The host had placed an aspirate where it did not belong.

At another time the cook was told to buy a hundred "ladies' fingers" for an evening party.

Two hours later he entered the courtyard of the American Legation riding upon the shaft of a Chinese cart, and reported that he had been able to buy in Peking only sixteen "ladies' fingers." "Why did you hire a cart," he was asked. "To bring them home—they weigh five or six pounds each."

Instead of tiny strips of sponge cake to be served with ice-cream he had bought sixty-four fresh ox tongues. A wrong tone of his master's voice had done the mischief.

## BRAVE AMERICAN GUNNERS.

SOME EXPLOITS OF THE FAMOUS  
UTAH ARTILLERY NEAR CALOOCAN.

Major Richard W. Young, of the famous Utah Light Artillery has made a report to the War Department of the operations of his command near Manila. Major Young's report gives detailed accounts of the various movements made by the component parts of this organization, which appears to have participated at an important point in every engagement which has taken place in Luzon. In his report, which tells the story of the operations from February 4th to February 15th, Major Young, after describing the advance on Calocan, says:

"I am satisfied that no troops during this advance have performed more dangerous service than the detachment under Lieutenant Seaman in their perilous progress up the Calocan road. Too much, therefore, in my judgment, cannot be said in praise of their intrepidity and efficiency."

Major Young also mentions the work of two guns of the Sixth artillery under Lieutenant A. S. Fleming, that were assigned to his division in this action. He says, "During the advance on Calocan this platoon did very accurate and effective work under a heavy small arm fire from the enemy." He also speaks of Grant's and Critchlow's guns, which took part in the movements, as follows:

"Extremely accurate work was done. One of the best shots of the campaign was at a party throwing up earthworks at the cemetery gate, the left side of the gate being destroyed at an estimated range of 2,600 yards by the first shell. Shrapnel fire proved to be very efficacious at a range of 2,000 yards, driving a party which advanced fearlessly from the right to take a flanking party under command of Major Bell, U. S. V. engineers."

A compliment is also paid to Wedgwood's battery, the men of which dragged their guns on the night of February 4th for three miles without assistance and, driving the enemy back in great numbers, paved the way for the infantry advance. These guns were served under a heavy cross fire, the cannoners having little or no protection. Webb's two guns are described as silencing the enemy's fire in almost every instance over an area of nearly 180 degrees. The two Nordenfeldts, under Lieutenant Gibbs, are said to have been handled with skill and efficiency. In one case the guns were brought down at double time on a 500 yard slope in the face of a heavy fire. This was in open view of the enemy under close range, and was one of the boldest and most commendable acts of the campaign, says Major Young.

## A CARD.

DEAR MR. HODGSON:—Please give the following space in your paper, and I shall be very thankful therefor:

Owing to the large number of letters received from friends, both deaf and hearing, in regard to the death of the late Mrs. Robert E. Maynard; the writer asks the kind indulgence of friends who have not received immediate replies thereto, so I take this means of thanking all for their sincere sympathy and kind thoughts. Before long I shall be able to answer each and every letter individually, and as the task is one that takes time, I ask forbearance.

Respectfully yours,  
ROBERT E. MAYNARD.

## CHARLES WESLEY VAN TASSELL.

In the midst of leave takings, attending the close of the term at the New York Institution, a short time since, none suspected that they were bidding a final farewell to him who, from length of continued service as a Professor, had come to be regarded as the Nestor of the Institution Faculty. But even then the relatives and intimate friends of Professor Van Tassell were aware that he was bravely holding out against a lingering ailment still they did not give up all hope until he was confined to his bed and his physician had diagnosed his case as cancer of the duodenum.

The patient did not seem to suspect his precarious condition, and confidently expected to resume his work at the beginning of the new term. A length dissolution set in, and on Wednesday morning, July 19th, he ended an exemplary life with a serene and peaceful death. When the signs of death were stealing upon him, he was supported by the consolation of that Gospel he had long professed and he rested calmly on that Saviour, who had ever been, and now seemed peculiarly, his only hope. And when the dying hour came there was not a pang, not a struggle, beyond the mere gasp of expiring Nature.

Charles Wesley Van Tassell was born in Ellenville, New York, on May 12th, 1843, the only son of William and Levina Van Tassell. He was a descendant on the paternal side of the Von Texels who came to America from Holland some two hundred years ago, and settled at Philipse Manor, near Tarrytown, New York. He was a lineal descendant of John Van Tassell, born in 1737, who served in the French war and who was also a soldier of the Revolution. His great-grandfather, Stephen Van Tassell, born in 1737, entered the American service as a volunteer, about the first of May, 1776, at Tarrytown, in the company of Captain Abram Ladien, and was at the battle of White Plains. In 1777, he re-enlisted and was at the Young's House fight. Again in 1780 he enlisted in the Continental line, under Colonel Hughes; was taken prisoner in April, 1780, conveyed to New York, and confined in the old Sugar House prison.

Indeed the forefathers of Prof. Van Tassell were one of the most numerous and conspicuous families of the Manorial period, and were the very impersonation of some of its most marked characteristics. The blood of Thor was in their veins, and their struggle for freedom in Friesland had made them veritable sons of Mars; during the Revolutionary War they were ever in the forefront of the fight. His own father, who still lives at the age of eighty-four, showed this martial disregard of danger, for although not a soldier, he served for many years on the metropolitan police force. Probably for the lack of hearing, Prof. Van Tassell was the direct antithesis of all this warlike spirit. In his nature he was gentle, peaceful, courteous, disinclined to contention, kindly disposed, and benevolent in all his

relations with his pupils and confreres.

He became deaf from scrofula, at the early age of one year, but owing to the law as it existed at that time, he was unable to receive instruction in an institution until he had reached the age of twelve. Nevertheless, he made some progress in knowledge, and was not totally deficient upon entering school. In 1855, he was entered as a pupil at the New York Institution, and was placed in a class of beginners, under the late

ed by experience. His labors were rewarded by the success which such a combination of qualities could not fail to secure. As has been said, to him was habitually assigned the duty of taking classes through their first three years, and so perfect was the foundation he laid in penmanship, language, exactness of comprehension, and in manners and morals, that the pupil was indeed fortunate who came under his instruction. He possessed that special power by means of which he was able to stimulate the

minds of pupils whose faculties had not reached the condition of general awakening, and to interest them in subjects having a direct tendency to increase their intelligence. So that, without any pretension to deep learning, he understood the philosophy of the deaf child's mind, and in his teachings accomplished results that would hardly have been expected, if equaled, by the most accomplished scholar. His patient, painstaking instruction, opened the minds of his pupils, while his fatherly interest in their progress won their love and obedience. Not one of the hundreds of graduates of Fanwood who began their education at the 'Mansion'

but will learn of his death with deep sorrow, as the loss of one to whom they owe some of the happiest hours of their early lives.

He took an active interest in the Fanwood Literary Association from its inception, and filled all the offices from director to president. In 1867 he was elected member of the Epsilon Sigma Society, and at one time held the office of vice-president. He was also a member of the Order of Elect Surds from its organization till its dissolution, and at various times, was connected with the Gallaudet Club, the Fanwood Quad Club, and later, the League of Elect Surds.

In early manhood, while a teacher at the Institution, he published *Now and Then*, a little sheet of institution news, which appeared irregularly, but was of great interest to the institution household. In 1870 he married Miss Clotilde Lyon, a graduate of the High Class of the same year as himself. The union has been blessed with three children, two sons, William H. and Charles Wesley, Jr., who hold responsible positions in the institution, and a daughter, Clotilde.

His was a noble person, tall and well-built, and those who knew him recall his erect, firm step, giving evidence of the early physical strength, which made him famous in his school days for his prowess on the ball field and in the school boat. Thought not very advanced in years, his white beard and high forehead gave him a patriarchal appearance, which was enhanced by his courteous smile and gentle manners to all with whom he came in contact.

He generally talked slowly, or rather answered deliberately; not, however, because his mind was not active, but because it was exact. He was unwilling to say anything, till he could say the right thing. His mind was clear. His thoughts were well defined and lucid. He never attempted to express an idea till it was fully in possession of his

own mind. He knew clearly what he knew; and also knew what he did not know. That is, he saw distinctly what, to his mind, was known, and what was unknown, and between what was certain and what was doubtful. And these clearly defined limits he scrupulously regarded in his teaching. It has been the good fortune of the writer of this sketch to have often discussed with him knotty points on the teaching of very young deaf children, and he can testify to his thorough understanding of this phase of instruction. He had strongly developed his faculty of order. Everything he did he did systematically. He had a place for everything and everything in its place, not only in his classroom, but in his mind and in all his mental developments. Possessing these intellectual qualities, and having, until recently, uniformly good health, he became an accomplished teacher in his particular line.

He early united with the Episcopal church, and for several years was a lay reader connected with the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes. Cherishing the strongest interest in promoting the cause of religion and sound morals among the deaf, he gave to the mission the benefit of his influence, his persuasive powers, and his ardent and constant support.

He died as he had lived—peaceful, yet not desponding; confident, yet not boastful. Very gradually for successive weeks did his strength wear away. Through all his illness, even when the flagging of nature seemed to preclude both strength and emotion, his trust in the Invisible was unwavering. Gently and peacefully passed his spirit to its final rest, and the silence of his life's pilgrimage was exchanged for the songs of glory!

THOMAS FRANCIS FOX.

## IOWA.

ITEMS GATHERED DURING LEISURE MOMENTS.

Ever since the state board of control came into power, it has been the butt of all kinds of criticism at the hands of the press. It has been praised on one hand for the good it has done and reproved on the other for things it has not done that ought to be done. Whether these criticisms have any influence on the board, we are unable to state, but will leave it to others to figure out.

From the following extracts we infer that it has led the board to see the evil of the too deep in-trenchments made at the beginning, and it is now taking steps to revise the salaries in the state institutions. They have made a raise in the salaries of cooks, farmers, gardeners, storekeepers, and some others. A member of the Board says: "But, while we have increased the salaries of a number of positions, it is with the distinct understanding that a better and more efficient class of employees will be secured, for we are determined to raise the standard of our state institutions in the educational facilities of our schools, in better care for the afflicted, and in better cooking and serving of the food which is provided by the tax payers of the state for those entrusted to our care." Speaking of a more efficient class of employees being secured by advancing the salaries. Were the old employees so deficient that the salaries were cut to get rid of them? They find after an experience with green hands and lower wages that it does not work, and that they must raise the salaries again to obtain competent help again. It seems that the old hands who resigned their positions upon the cutting of their salaries feel rather cheap and wish themselves back.

Mr. C. Spruit, of this city, has received notice of his appointment as one of the teachers in the Illinois Institution for the Education of the Deaf, located at Jacksonville. He will accept the offer and enter upon his work with the opening of the fall term. Mr. Spruit is recognized among the educators of the deaf as one of the most able and efficient teachers in the West. For seventeen years he has taught in the Iowa School, his connection with that institution ending with the inauguration of the extreme policy of reform by which the board of control was unable to offer him

more than \$540 a year, that being the highest sum paid any teacher. In order to secure his services Illinois freely offers him \$1,000, thereby taking from Iowa one of its best instructors.—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

The graduating class of the Iowa Institution this year are: Lulu Belle Dougherty, Bedford; Mamie Olive Ostrander, Webster City; Lily Matilda Ward, Webster City; Mamie Amelia Lubert, Sioux City; Oran Warren Staley, Centerville; Lee Eslinger, Ottumwa; Orville Grant Hoopes, Council Bluffs; Fred. Leon Woodworth, Farmington; Victor Nathaniel Nelson, Boone; Fred. Henry Edwin Pape, Waverly; Harry Garfield Long, Council Bluffs; Carl William Osterberg, Ottumwa; Joe Martin, Melleray.

Three of the graduates, it is said, will enter college this fall. They are Miss Lillie Ward, Fred Woodworth and Carl Osterberg.

Mr. David Ryan stopped off in Des Moines on his way home from Council Bluffs, to visit relatives and friends. He remembered the Nonpareil Card Co. boys by calling. By the way, David is looking much better than when we saw him last. And maybe after three months spent on the farm he will have a healthy complexion.

Ed Schulling and "Bob" Kennedy hid themselves out to the Houston farm Sunday, where they spent the day pleasantly.

L. L. Glenn wheeled to Altoona, and spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton. The ride was a hot and dusty one. But the nice shady lawn and cooling breezes were refreshing.

George Clark reached home last week from college.

Ernest Glenn, a brother of the writer, who has been employed in the Des Moines Saddlery Works, quit and went home, after a four weeks' lay off.

Mr. Edgerton rides to work in the morning from Altoona and back in the evening. Altoona is small station, eleven miles north-east of Des Moines. The riding is good when the roads are in good condition, but when wet they are alike other country roads—impassable a wheel.

Mr. and Mrs. David Williams and family, of Beacon, visited the Ashmans several days recently.

After being layed off for nearly two months, Mr. David Watson is back at his old position in the Des Moines Saddlery Co. He had not been idle during that time, like others we know of would be, but put in several weeks working for the Gas Company.

Henry Teller, of Modale, is reported very low from a sunstroke, received while working on the railroad near that place recently.

LE ROY.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Guild Excursion Committee makes this last appeal to all who have the interest and welfare of our less fortunate brothers at heart. To those who are intending to go on our excursion, we earnestly request that they send their ticket money to the Committee before August 2d, as the captain of our excursion boat must be paid \$150 before leaving the last pier for Grand View Park. The Committee's thanks to all who have bought tickets for the excursion. To those who have decided not to go, let us say a word. We feel sure that when you stop to think of the many needs of our poorer brethren and contrast them with your own blessings, you will be only too happy to swell the fund by purchasing tickets. The amount—50 cents—may seem small to you, but it can do much good by making another happy. So get your tickets, even if you are unable to go, although we hope nothing will prevent you from going. The larger our receipts, the more we will be able to help others. So be prompt in sending in your money, and every one come, prepared to have a long day's pleasure, for doing for others makes our happiness the greater. Our first aim is for the welfare and uplifting of our deaf friends. That all will enjoy themselves on the excursion of August 2d is the sincere wish of the Committee.

WM. G. JONES,  
Chairman.



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"He's true to God who's true to man;  
Wherever wrong is done  
To the humblest and the weakest  
'Neath the all-beholding sun,  
That wrong is also done to us,  
And they are slaves must have,  
Whose love of right is for themselves,  
And not for all the race."

ON the 10th of August the Empire State Association of the Deaf will hold its twentieth convention, in the city of Buffalo. The meeting promises to have features that will be of the greatest importance to the deaf of this State, and will carry with it an influence that will benefit the deaf of other States. It is difficult to estimate the value of state conventions of the deaf. Their work is not direct and immediate, and the individual looking to personal profit at once, is always disappointed. But the seed is planted, and the slow, healthy growth, redounds to the credit of those who participate and has a far-reaching and salutary effect, from which in time we all are gainers—not the deaf alone, but the community at large. The uplifting of any class of people is synonymous with the welfare of all the people. What is needed to give impetus to the good work the Empire State Association of Deaf-Mutes has done and is doing, is increasing numbers and enthusiasm at the annual conventions.

Aside from the sessions of the convention which require the serious attention of all, there is in store for those who attend plenty of pleasurable entertainment. The trolley ride to Niagara Falls is in itself worth a trip from the Atlantic to Lake Erie.

The hotel rates are low, and attendance at the convention will not be a heavy tax upon any one's purse. To those of the deaf who will have a vacation at the time, we would recommend that they make Buffalo their objective point, and feel sure it will bring them more of good than can be had elsewhere, and at the same time will help forward the good work that is doing in behalf of the deaf as a class.

A CORRESPONDENT writes that the State Board of Control of Iowa, has decided that cheap employes do not give satisfaction, so the salaries of the cooks, butchers and farmers connected with the institutions have been raised. The Board announces that efficiency has to be paid for, and that "the standard of the educational institutions must be raised." The Board is all right in that statement, but how can the educational efficiency be improved by raising the salaries of the cooks? What about the teachers? We have no doubt that every cook is worthy of his hire and an increase of salary, but at the same time the underpaid instructor deserves similar attention.

A BELATED copy of "Extracts from the Twenty-Third Biennial Report of the Michigan School for the Deaf," has reached the JOURNAL. It is handsomely illustrated with half-tone engravings, and the printing and make-up, which are of a high-grade order, was done by pupils of the school.

The book contains a good deal of information about the education of the deaf, and also a list of the pupils present during the term 1897-98. A list of graduates and their occupations is also an interesting feature of the book. Examples of wood-engraving which occupy several pages throughout the volume, are a pleasing exhibit of the artistic work of the pupils, both in the design and execution.

## ITEMIZER.

The idea is to gather into this column items that relate to deaf-mutes personally or to institutions for the benefit of deaf-mutes. We hope our friends and readers will keep us supplied with items for this column. Mark items to be sent to the Itemizer.

Were there no tongues, love would still be told (by the deaf) as eloquently.

There was quite a large number of deaf-mutes at Fort George, this city, last Sunday.

Mr. Fred. J. O'Brien, of Cincinnati, Ohio, spent Sunday, the 16th inst., with his friend Miss Minnie E. Olin, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Carter Cummings, of Braddock, Pa., is the proud and happy daddy of fine twins—a boy and girl. Mother and twins are doing excellently.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Fersenheim, of New York City, have been visiting their friend Miss Libbie Holland, in Saugerties, Ulster County, N. Y.

Mrs. E. A. Hodgson and her children, Beatrice and Florence, have returned from a pleasant three weeks at Highland Cottage, on Nyack Mountain.

A valuable horse belonging to Mr. Henry L. Rhodes, of Rainsville, Ind., was struck by lightning and killed one day last week. He obtained insurance on it.

Mr. Frank Konzmann has spent his one week vacation in Connecticut at Mr. William Geiger's house. He reports having had a very enjoyable time.

It is said upon good authority that the Edgewood School will send about six of its bright young men to Gallaudet College in the Fall to acquire a higher education.

Miss Elizabeth Armstrong, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has returned home after spending three weeks in Indianapolis, Ind., as the guest of her friend, Miss Minnie E. Olin.

Mrs. Wilrena Wilson has been divorced from Charles H. Wilson, of Springfield, O., and has assumed her maiden name, Wilrena Dick, and resides at Millstone, Md.

Herbert Gunner, of Dallas, Tex., has been in New York for the past three weeks. He has a good position with the American News Co., and has decided to make New York his home.

Miss Edna E. Miller and friend spent a few days recently at the home of Mrs. Wm. Smith, in Highland, N. Y. A very enjoyable time was had boating, and driving to Long Branch.

Miss Orr, who for a number of years has been a teacher at the Edgewood School, has resigned her position and gone to California, where she expects to spend the balance of her life.

Miss Minnie E. Olin, of Indianapolis, Ind., has learned to ride a wheel. She expects to own one of her own soon, meanwhile she is what they call "a camera fiend," and has already "took" some good pictures.

In the evening of Monday, July 17th, the Rev. Mr. Mann participated in a special service at Christ Church, LaCrosse, interpreting Evening Prayer and the Sermon for the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Wilkins. Over twenty of the deaf of the city and neighborhood worshipped with the regular congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Stein, formerly of New York, but for several years residents of Chicago, celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage on the 1st of July. They were given a surprise party in the evening, and also had another party on the following day. They received many beautiful presents.

Miss Myrtle Boyd, of Covington, Ind., is the guest of Miss Kate Winters at her home near Perryville. The two ladies visited with Miss Grace Shelato, in Cayuga, the 4th, and spent the next afternoon at the Randolph farm near Waterman, in Park County. Sunday, Miss Winters entertained Miss Shelato, the Randolph brothers and Mr. David Streen at dinner for Miss Boyd.

John Friend, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Friend, of Braddock, Pa., who completed his education at the Edgewood Deaf-Mute School last month, has fully decided to enter Gallaudet College in the Fall, having passed an examination satisfactorily for entrance to that world-wide institution. His numerous friends bespeak for him a brilliant career. During his pupillage at school he was captain of the Edgewood Football team, and played right back so as to attract much attention. It is sincerely to be hoped that he will play on the Gallaudet Football team when he goes to college.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Thompson celebrated the Fourth of July by giving a lawn party at their home in Woodlawn. The afternoon and evening were spent principally in setting off fireworks, of which there was a fine variety. Refreshments were served on the lawn, which was illuminated by Japanese lanterns. About thirty people were present, and all seemed to have enjoyed themselves hugely. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Jubring, Mr. and Mrs. Fersenheim, Mr. and Mrs. Tobin, Misses Henry, Block, Runck, Igen, Messrs. Marshall, of Portchester, Schnackenberg, Thomas, Henning, Beuerman, and a score of others from the neighboring suburbs, whose names the writer has forgotten. Mr. Thompson is becoming quite an adept in the art of photography, and took several pictures of the group.

## Rev. H. Van Allen's Appointments.

SUNDAY, JULY 30.

10:30 A.M., Christ Church, Herkimer.

7:30 P.M., Trinity Church, Utica.

During August Mr. Van Allen may be addressed at Glenfield, Lewis Co., N. Y.

## National Association of the Deaf.

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

(Adopted at the Sixth Convention of the Association, held at St. Paul, Minn., July 11th-14th, 1896.)

## CONSTITUTION.

## PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of promoting the general welfare of the deaf, we hereby form ourselves into an association.

## ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This association shall be called the "National Association of the Deaf."

## ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any deaf citizen of the United States may become a member of this Association upon the payment of the initiation fee (See Law I, Sec. 1) and may remain as such upon paying the annual membership due (By Law I, Sec. 2.)

## ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Association shall be elected by ballot on the first day of the Convention by a majority vote of all duly qualified members voting at the permanent organization of each national convention of the Association.

SEC. 3. The newly elected officers shall assume their respective offices immediately after election.

SEC. 4. No member of the Association who is absent from the Convention shall be eligible to office, but may be placed on the Executive Committee, as provided in Article V, Sec. 1.

## ARTICLE IV.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President of this Association to preside at its meetings in national convention, and to appoint committees of five members respectively on enrollment, on resolutions, and such other committees as may be provided for in this Constitution and By-Laws, and to perform other duties that are mentioned elsewhere in the Constitution and By-Laws.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President shall fill the office of the President when the latter is unable to discharge the duties of his office.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Association. He shall keep a list of the members of the Association, giving the full name, together with the post-office address. He shall have charge of all documents, etc., belonging to the Association, except those of the Treasurer, and except those otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Association, keep an account of the receipts and expenditures, and shall make a report of the state of the finances of the Association whenever called upon to do so by the Association. He shall preserve all vouchers. He shall send notice of the dues to members annually on the first day of May. He shall give bond in such sum as the Executive may decide upon.

## ARTICLE V.—NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The National Executive Committee shall consist of the Board of Officers and one member from each State and Territory represented on the roll of membership of this Association, except those represented by the officers. The officers of the Association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. The President elected at each national convention of the Association shall have power to appoint the members of the National Executive Committee and announce same before adjournment sine die.

SEC. 3. The National Executive Committee shall have general conduct of the affairs of the Association from the time of its appointment until the appointment of its successors. It shall aim to carry out the expressed will of the Association as far as circumstances may render it wise or allowable. It shall have power to appropriate any available funds of the Association for purposes tending to promote its welfare. It shall turn its successor all papers, documents, etc., it may have, belonging to the Association.

## ARTICLE VI.—NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

SECTION 1. This Association shall meet in national conventions three years after the adjournment of each convention, unless circumstances call for an earlier meeting or a postponement, as the Executive Committee by a two-third vote may decide.

SEC. 2. The place of holding each succeeding National Con-

vention shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee and announced at least three months in advance.

SEC. 3. The President shall then issue an official call for such convention.

## ARTICLE VII.

The Constitution and By-Laws go into effect on the day on which they are adopted.

## ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

A motion to amend the Constitution or By-Laws of this Association must be submitted in writing to the President, and be published by him in the leading newspapers for the deaf for at least thirty days before the meeting of the Association in National Convention, and then such amendment shall require a two-thirds vote, a quorum voting, for its adoption.

## BY-LAWS.

## ARTICLE I.—FEES.

SECTION 1. The initiation fee of this Association shall be one dollar for each member.

SEC. 2. The annual membership due shall be fifty cents for each member, payable on or before June 1st.

SEC. 3. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the 1st of June.

SEC. 4. No person shall vote on the permanent organization of the Convention of this Association, who has not first paid the initiation fee or is in arrears.

## ARTICLE II.—RULES OF ORDER.

The proceedings of the Convention of this Association shall be governed by ordinary parliamentary practice, and in case of dispute on any question of parliamentary practice, "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall be regarded as authority on all such points.

## ARTICLE III.

The President of the Association shall open the proceedings of each National Convention by calling the meeting to order and reading the official call. In the absence of the President, this duty shall devolve upon the first, second, third, and fourth Vice-President, in succession.

## ARTICLE IV.—THE LOCAL COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. At least three months before the time for holding each National Convention, the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall appoint a Local Committee, not necessarily a member of the Association, residing in the locality where the Convention is to be held, and this Local Committee shall make the best possible arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the members of the Association.

SEC. 2. At least three months before the time of holding each National Convention the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall also appoint three members, including the President of the Association, who shall be Chairman of the Committee, to prepare a programme for the Convention, which shall be published at least one month in advance.

## CLEVELAND PICNIC.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1899.

There will be a picnic at Forest City Park, Cleveland, on Saturday, August 12th, 1899, under the auspices of the Eagle Club, at present composed of Messrs. J. J. Viets, Weber, Byrne, and Bialoski.

Forest City Park is situated in the city, and can be reached by electric lines for five cents. It has many amusements. No one can afford to miss it, as a good time is assured. Tickets 25 cents.

## UTICA, MO.

Dr. J. C. Walters died suddenly on the twenty-ninth morning of June, at two. His daughter, Clara, was a student of Gallaudet College for four years up to June, 1898, and his son Horace will be in the Sophomore Class there in the Fall. Dr. Walters was on the Board of Managers of the Institution for the Deaf at Fulton, Mo., when he died. Horace is with his relatives in Virginia for the summer.

## Rev. Mr. Dantzer's Appointments.

JULY.

30—10:30 A.M., Christ Church, Binghamton.

30—2:00 P.M., Christ Church, Binghamton.

30—7:30 P.M., St. Paul's, Syracuse.

AUGUST.

6—10:30 A.M., St. Luke's, Rochester.

10—7:30 P.M., St. Paul's, Buffalo.

Address: REV. C. O. DANTZER, 17 Glenwood Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

## CHICAGO.

## The Aftermath of the National Convention.

## NEW LABEL FOR COLD TEA.

## A Few Items.

[News items for this column may be sent to James Irwin Sanson, Money Order Division, Chicago Postoffice.]

As one who remained in St. Paul several days after the bulk of the delegates had packed their grips and left the capital of Minnesota, I can throw a little light on what was done there. Windsor Hotel with its white painted walls looked lonesome after the mute guests left, and I imagine that the bald headed gentlemanly proprietor sighed over their departure, for they certainly lent lustre to the hotel. And the parlors upstairs, where the silent people had thronged,—they were as deserted as a banquet hall.

A mixed congregation of hearing and deaf people attended services at the Episcopal Church on Kerk Street, where Rev. Mr. Mann and the hearing pastor officiated. The organ thundered the hymnals, making the services quite impressive, especially when it came to *Te Deum*. It was a contrast to be in a church in a strange city to the continual gayeties of the last few days, and it seemed like a restful of sober reason. The street car ride up the bluffs from the hotel to church, along the finely paved streets and handsome houses of St. Paul, was another feature of the trip.

A large party again visited Cono Lake, where it will be remembered the night trolley party was made. They went Sunday afternoon and occupied a large bench up on the hill overlooking the lake and spent the afternoon talking, till a threatening storm drove them to the cars. Two parties departed for Taylor's Falls on Monday, one going at nine o'clock and the other at two. They were to be the guests of Charlie Thompson and were made up of the following: Messrs. Dougherty, Regensburg, Spear, Axling, Dold, Schaub, Simpson, O'Leary. *On dit*, that a good joke was sprung on them in the shape of Cold Tea put up in bottles labelled "Busch."

The Monday following the convention, the steamer Dubuque carried the following excursionists down the Mississippi: Mr. and Mrs. Merrell, Miss and Mrs. Vance, Harry Johnson and Chas. Wolff. They were in for a four-day trip. All took great interest in watching the roustabouts rolling in barrels of flour and miscellaneous freight. It struck me that the very best way of reaching St. Paul from Chicago, would be to go to Dubuque, Iowa, by rail, and thence by steamer up the Mississippi, or return by the same way. I went by the "Q" road and came back through Iowa by the Chicago Great Western Road, crossing the Mississippi at Dubuque. From the cars could be espied a lone fisherman on the river, and I concluded he must have been Judge De Coursey.

So the members of the association have returned to their homes with recollections of the hot times in the Convention, of the grand trolley party to three lakes in one day, of the three grand banquets, of the picnic to Minnetonka Lake, pronounced by many the grandest picnic of their lives, and the visit to Minnehaha Falls. Naturally, they will be gratified to know that "Pach" has taken them on plates that will defy time. It was no joke to bring his camera and stool all the way from Gotham. We will draw the curtain on his grammar, however. The banquet speeches of the Editor and Fox were of the Dewey order, Hutchison's akoulalion was a most interesting scientific experiment to the 200 or so, so that the New York crowd made a hit. It was something to hitch on to it and go by the "Q" road to St. Paul from Chicago. In concluding will say that the Windsor Hotel is situated on St. Peter Street.

A large dinner party was given by Rev. P. J. Hasenstab at his house. Among those present from outside were, Rev. Mr. Kochler, Frank Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell. Chicago has done its share towards entertaining guests going to and returning from St. Paul.

Miss Grace Knight has just returned from a trip to Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Cloud, of Michigan City, are here on a few days visit. Mr. Cloud is a type of the many bright Hoosier boys and is a moulder by trade.

Miss Fannie Sobel, a handsome and interesting lady from Nashville, Tenn., was at the Methodist Chapel and made an excellent impression at once. She is staying at Rosalie Court on Lake Ave.

Alfred Bierlein will soon move his family from Cincinnati to Chicago, as his situation in the well established firm of Marshall Field & Co. warrants of it. They

will live on Harvard St. hereafter. Mr. B. is an acquisition to the Chicago Silent Society. What is Cincinnati's loss is Chicago's gain.

Mr. Henry Maher, of Grand Haven, Mich., has secured employment here. That makes two deaf brothers by that name living in Chicago.

## FANWOOD.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Prof. Charles W. Van Tassel, for over thirty years a teacher in this Institution, died at his home in Tarrytown, N. Y., on Wednesday, July 19th, at 9 A.M., after several weeks' painful illness.

The funeral services were held on Friday afternoon. A number of former pupils, friends and relatives of the deceased, were present. The widow was unable to attend the services at the church, and a short private service was first held at the residence, Rev. Mr. Chamberlain officiating. Several beautiful floral offerings from friends and one from Principal Currier, testified to the love and esteem in which the deceased was held. After the service at the house the casket was taken to St. Mark's Church. Revs. Dr. Gallaudet and Chamberlain met it at the door of the church and preceded it down the aisle. Following the casket were the aged father of the deceased leaning on his grandson, William H. Van Tassel, Wesley Van Tassel and his sister, Carrie, and other relatives and friends were behind. The beautiful Episcopalian burial service was read by Rev. Dr. Chamberlain. It was simple but impressive. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Gallaudet. The casket was then lifted by the pall bearers and placed in the hearse. It remained at Nyack Friday night, and Saturday morning it was taken to Ellenville and interred in the family plot in the cemetery there. The pallbearers were Messrs. Hodgson, Fox, Jones, Heyman, Leary and Russell. Principal Enoch Henry Currier, Miss Prudence Lewis and John H. Keiser, were at the funeral.

Professor Charles W. Van Tassel was a familiar figure at the Institution. The sight of him could not but recall the memories of the pleasantest part of our school days spent at the Mansion House. He had a rare ability in training young minds to receive the first impressions of knowledge. Even the most backward pupils yielded to his master hand. He was ever ready to entertain the little ones, and during the blizzard of 1888, when the weather made it necessary for the little ones to remain indoors, many an afternoon which otherwise would have been unbearably lonesome, was pleasantly passed in his company. The young ones seemed never to tire of his talks and stories, and when school was over, they would gather around him and clamor for their entertainment. He never refused. He seemed to know just what would amuse and instruct at the same time.

We will miss his tall, erect figure, kindly face and good morning greeting as he passed by the boys' gate on his way to the Mansion House. But, when looking backward over our school days, the memory of those we passed under his charge at the Mansion House, will bring him before us with love and gratitude in our hearts, that shall ever remain.

To his widow, two sons and daughter, we extend our sincere sympathy for the loss of an affectionate husband and father. In him this Institution has lost a faithful, energetic, worker in the cause of the deaf.

The following was taken from the New York Tribune. Mrs. Betts is a sister of Rev. Dr. Stoddard, First Vice-President of the Board of Directors of this Institution. Her husband was also a member of the Board:

## MRS. ELLEN PORTER BETTS.

Mrs. Ellen Porter Betts, widow of George F. Betts, died Saturday morning, July 15th, at her home, No. 102 Madison Avenue. She was born May 4, 1829, at Williamstown, Mass., and came of the well known New England family descended from John Wright, who settled in Dorchester, Mass., in 1635. By her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Noble, she was also connected with that old New England family. Her father, William A. Porter, a professor in Williams College, died at an early age, and later, when her mother was married again to Charles Stoddard, a deacon of the Old South Church, of Boston, she made her home in that city. By her mother's second marriage she became the step-sister of Dr. Charles A. Stoddard, of "The New York Observer."

She leaves a family of one son and three daughters, of whom the eldest, Amy, is married to John Addison Porter, private secretary of President McKinley, and forty years travelling abroad. Her daughter, Fanny, is the wife of Wolcott H. Johnson, of Boston, and her youngest daughter, Georgiana, is the wife of T. T. Weston, of this city. The son who survives her is Samuel R. Betts, a member of the law firm of Betts, Sheffield & Betts. The funeral will take place from her late home on Tuesday, July 18th, at 10 o'clock. The body will be buried at Woodlawn.

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Misses Lucretia Core and Alice Judge attended the excursion given by the members of the Church of the Intercession, to Roton Point, on the Sound, Tuesday, July 11th. They reported a very enjoyable time.

A new metallic ceiling has been placed in the rotunda of the main building. The corridors connecting the boys' and girls' wings with the academical building will also have metallic ceilings.

The old floor in the chapel has been torn up, a new one of maple will be laid. The old benches have been discarded, chairs similar to those used in theatres will be put in place.

During the severe thunderstorm two weeks ago, the flagpole on the main building was struck by lightning and so badly damaged that a new one had to be purchased.

Misses Mackinson, Core and Soule, girls' tutors, bid fair to become bicycle enthusiasts. They borrowed Alice Judge's 40-ton wheel and are doing good service in crushing the gravel on the main driveway.

Mr. Anthony Capelli is spending his two weeks' vacation at home in this city.

Romeo Wilcox has returned from his vacation spent in the Catskills. His parents, Steward and Matron Wilcox, are expected back by the end of this week.

## Mr. Wm. Wright Watched.

On the evening of Monday, July 10th, Mr. Wm. Wright, of 52 Chestnut Street, Yonkers, N. Y., was made happy, he being the recipient of a handsome gold watch, the gift of many friends. Mr. Wright had been to an excursion, and on returning found his home in possession of his many deaf-mute friends.

It was the 50th anniversary of his birth, and the assemblage soon made known its mission to that effect, and through Mr. C. Q. Mann, presented the unsuspecting Mr. Wright with the handsome time-piece, with words appropriate to the occasion, as a token of the esteem in which he was held, by both deaf and hearing friends.

Mr. Wright, in accepting the gift, replied, that while he did not like to be watched, it was a pleasure to be watched by such good friends. That but a few short months ago, from being an almost homeless man, his home had suddenly, like the fabled Phoenix of old, arisen from its own ashes, more beautiful and more of a home than ever. He thanked his friends for the watch and their sincerity, and that when the time was no more to him, the timepiece would be to his children a token of the respect and regard in which their father was held by so many friends.

Mr. Wright has been deaf for thirty-five years, and this long period has not in any measure affected his speech, as he talks fluently and well. He is well known in Yonkers, but only for the past few years has he associated with the deaf. He is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Westchester County Association of the Deaf.

About forty were in attendance, of whom half the number were deaf. After the presentation, games and dancing were indulged in, a string of three pieces affording the music. Later a fine supper was served, and the merrymaking kept up until a late hour. Much of the credit is due Mr. Wm. Thomas, and Mr. Wm. Hampson, for the success of the affair, and to Mr. and Mrs. Graham, who placed their parlor at the disposal of the young people for dancing and an imitation cake walk.

R. E. M.

## MARRIED.

LEWIS—NELSON.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. M. Nelson, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 18th, 1899, by the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, D.D., assisted by the Rev. Dr. Weikert, Rector of Christ Church, Cornelia Mandeville to Harry Seldon Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis expected to spend their honeymoon abroad, but the health of Mrs. Lewis' mother forbade their going so far away. They will spend some time at the sea side, and travelling. Mrs. Lewis was the recipient of many beautiful and costly gifts.

GILBERT—WALSH.

At the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Morris, 90 Fourteenth Street, Portsmouth, Ohio, Monday evening, July 3d, 1899, by the Rev. Mr. Harp, Miss Margaret L. Walsh, of the class '98, Michigan School, and Mr. Joel J. Gilbert of the class, of '93, Indiana School. After an extended trip embracing various points in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert will settle in Muncie, Indiana.

## SERVICES FOR DEAF-MUTES.

JULY 30—NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes, New York, 3:30 P.M.



## OHIO.

### The School Building Near- ing Completion.

HOY IS ALL RIGHT.

### News Items Gleaned Through- out the State.

[News items for this column may be sent to our Ohio News Bureau, care of Mr. A. B. Greener, 988 Franklin Ave., Columbus, O.]

The brick and stone work of the new school building is completed, and all but a small portion of the south end is under slate. A large force of men is at work on the interior of the building laying sewers, lathing, plastering and attending to the many odd jobs required on such a building. The plastering, as far as the first coat is concerned, in most of the school rooms is done. The gymnasium, excepting the floor and gallery, is completed. The painting and varnishing was done by the Institution force. The painting, glazing and the wood finish of the third floor, will all be done by the Institution shops, and it was for this reason that the following pupils remained here at the close of school to assist in the painting and glazing work: August Beckert, Ezra Hedges, James Thompson, Daniel Whitehead, Walter Reynolds, Raymond Rose, George Martin, W. W. Smith and John Winemiller. They were first put to work helping to do house cleaning and as that is now over they are engaged at present in repainting the chairs and bedsteads of all the study rooms and dormitories. That is quite a job when it is considered that there are 475 chairs and as many iron bedsteads, the latter to be painted white. The girls' B study and dormitory have also been repainted, requiring four coats each. The girls' recreation hall does not look much like one now. In fact it is filled with floor lumber, window frames, and other material for the new school building. Here the man in charge of painting has three or four boys at work glazing and painting. The question is frequently asked if the new structure will be ready for use at the regular date of the opening of school. It all depends upon the contractor. Judging from the way he is rushing the work of the men, he is doing his best to have the building completed at the specified time for which the contract calls.

The talk of losing his place on the Louisville Club has no terrors for Mr. Hoy. He is sufficiently independent not to be compelled to rely on the game for a living. The Cincinnati Enquirer, of Sunday last, had the following concerning the matter:

Dummy Hoy made the announcement to-day that should he be released by Louisville and could not catch on with another league club, he would retire in preference to playing in a minor league. The Dummy has saved a large part of his earnings, and will never want after his baseball days are over. But as Mr. Pullman said to-day, he is not yet released, and the Louisville management will look a long time before they find as good a man to take his place.

That much talked of insect, the "kissing bug," has been getting in its work in this city. The other evening one of the city papers had an account of how Mrs. Ida M. Moore, the Institution housekeeper, had fallen a victim to the sting of the bug and that her face had swollen to twice its natural size. Going over the next day to investigate the matter and get a look of the awful work the bug is alleged to do, we were agreeably disappointed. Mrs. Moore attending to her usual duties and showed no signs of his bugship's work, in fact the whole story of her having been stung was a myth.

Mr. A. H. Schory and family left, Thursday morning, for his mother's home at Minerva, where they will stay till the first of August and then go to Cedar Point, near Sandusky, to camp out for several weeks. Mr. Schory was up there the first of the week and selected a site for his camp.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Miller are now at Goldsboro, N. C., but expect about the 10th of next month to leave for a visit in the eastern part of the State, and will be in Morgantown two weeks before the opening of school.

Rev. A. W. Mann was at the Institution, Wednesday morning, fresh from the St. Paul convention. He reports that affair a success and one of the best yet held by the association.

Alta Braden, a former pupil, whose home is in Fremont, Ohio, was a visitor here this week for a couple of days. He wheeled down to Delaware and from there took the train here. This was his first visit in seven years, and he found many changes for the better since leaving. He also wheeled up to the Home, and found it beyond his expectations and what had been told him about it. He works in a file factory and has another mite for company, Harry Bolton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Elsey spent

Saturday and Sunday at Jeffersonville with Mr. and Mrs. W. Hines. Mr. Hines, Sr., is still quite feeble, and improving very slowly if any. Mr. Sooy Dresback, who has been assisting on the Hines farm, has quit on account of harvesting being over. He came to Columbus, Monday, and has secured work in the steel works at the south end of town. William Waite also has been given employment there. By the way, Mr. Hines had a pretty good crop of wheat this year. From 50 acres of land he secured 1242 bushels, nearly 25 bushels to the acre.

Miss Emma Bard is back from a two weeks' visit in Cleveland. She reports the Akron picnic, which she attended, to have been a fine affair.

Mr. Charles Huff, of Bridgeport, opposite Wheeling, West Va., was here for a few hours, Sunday. He left school about twenty years ago, and for several years has been in Wisconsin, working at the cigar-maker's trade. He was on his way to his old home, where he intends to follow his old occupation.

Miss M. Scott, who was so badly burned by an explosion of gasoline some time ago, has returned from her home in Morgan County, about recovered, and expects to go to work in the bindery again as soon as there is paper enough.

Messrs. Frank Jones, George Clum, Ezra Hedges and Clarence Jones accompanied an excursion to Toledo, the first of the week, and met several of the pupils, also Mr. Matt Steinaud. They reported a good time.

July 22, '99. A. B. G.

### READING, PA.

Mr. and Mrs. David Rosenbaum have returned from their wedding trip to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. Mrs. Rosenbaum was a Miss Elkin, of New York City, and was one of the favorites of the deaf-mute community of that place.

Mr. Edward Metzger, of Philadelphia, took six days of a pleasure jaunt on a bike to reach Reading last week. He stopped off at different places along the route visiting friends, and says that he enjoyed the trip immensely. He was the guest of Mr. Frank Reinhardt while here. Another thing he said was: "The hospitality of the deaf-mutes of Reading is something that agreeably surprises me."

Monday night, Henry J. Ream was in the best of spirits. To-day the poor fellow is laid out for burial. While walking down Pennsylvania Street yesterday morning, he suddenly fell over and a gush of blood dyed the pavement from his nose and mouth. The ambulance of the Reading Hospital was summoned, and he was taken to that institution where five minutes after his arrival he breathed his last. He had been a sufferer from consumption for several years, but bore his affliction in the most cheerful manner. He was a graduate of the Philadelphia Institution for the Deaf, and was a general favorite among his friends.

At a meeting held in the parlors of the America House last night, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted by his friends.

WHEREAS: It has pleased Almighty God in His great wisdom to suddenly remove from our midst our beloved friend and companion therefore be it.

Resolved, That in his removal the deaf-mutes of Reading, have lost a friend whose character was sweet humility itself.

Resolved, That in his quiet demeanor at all times, his unobtrusiveness and cordiality among his friends, he has set an example worthy of emulation by all.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to his bereaved parents, the Deaf-Mutes' Journal, and the press of Reading.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. William Burkert, Frank Reinhardt and Rogers Williams was appointed to represent the meeting at the funeral, which will take place on Saturday morning next, at seven o'clock from his late residence, 324 Court Street. The interment will occur in the family lot at Reamstown, Lancaster County.

July 19, '99.

### A Deaf Boy a Successful Canvasser.

Henry Bickel, a deaf boy, is putting in his vacation taking orders for books for 'The Walker Publishing Co., 134 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill. He seems to be quite successful, as he took over \$20.00 worth of orders the first week. This shows what the deaf can do towards earning some money in vacation if they are willing to work. Mr. S. T. Walker, the manager of the company, was for many years superintendent of the Kansas and the Illinois Schools for the Deaf, and takes special interest in their affairs. He says he can give any number of deaf boys or girls employment during vacation, canvassing near their homes, if they will apply sending twenty-five cents for the canvassing outfit. The book is so attractive that it sells itself.

AGENTS WANTED—FOR "THE LIFE AND Achievements of Admiral Dewey," the world's greatest naval hero. By Murat Halstead, the lifelong friend and admirer of the nation's idol. Biggest and best book; over 500 pages, 8x10 inches, nearly 100 pages halftone illustrations. Only \$1.50. Enormous demand. Big commissions. Outfit free. Chance of a lifetime. Write quick. "The Dewey Book Company, 3rd Floor Caxton Bldg., Chicago.

## NEW YORK.

### A Deaf-Mute Cab Driver.

### THE HAIGHT DIVORCE CASE.

### News of the Week in Brief.

Theo. I. Lounsbury's address is 208 East 59th Street, New York City.

A man stood in my doorway the other day. He was a coachman, for his plug hat so divulged, and a hack was standing out in front. He stood gazing intently at me, half smiling, as if knowing me. Finally I remarked to my help, also deaf, that the coachman had a fine stove-pipe on his head. The coachman laughed. Seeing that he was good natured I made the signs of "driver" to him, as if to ask for a ride. His answer nearly stunned me, for he put two fingers of each hand to the forehead, twined them and drove one hand under the other, and spelled out on his fingers my name and then started off volubly in the sign language, for he was deaf, a graduate of the Lexington Avenue School, and drives a team of horses, depending entirely on his eyes. His name is Charles E. Dolan. When I asked him how a deaf man could be a driver, he replied: "Well, I've been at it ten years, and that I am still alive makes your question pertinent. I look out for those in front of me; those behind look out for me. Crossing tracks I use my eyes as others do, as ears are of little use in such cases."

"But," I asked, "supposing a fire engine comes roaring behind you and ringing loudly for the right of way?"

"Oh," he said, "a lot of people a block ahead will be looking around and I naturally follow suit."

This quite satisfied me. After a moment's pause, he asked me if I rode a bicycle and when I had answered affirmatively, he started to ask how I could do it. The subject was thus speedily disposed of and we repaired to Coolighan's for an ice cream soda.

Jacob Scharlin, a deaf-mute, who recently came into newspaper notoriety through being made the defendant in a breach of promise suit, also drives a wagon. He goes through the thickest part of the city delivering snuff to trades people, but when I asked him a year or two ago, he replied curtly: "Oh, easy," and getting upon his seat, looking around and pulling on the reins, he was off. He is still driving to-day, and perhaps there are others of his class.

Perhaps there is an advantage in having deaf drivers. Customers cannot kick about the last consignment, nor passengers about sky-scraping fares.

The all-absorbing subject for discussion among the deaf has been the Haight divorce case. To the great majority it came like a bomb, but there were still many who anticipated it. That Mr. Nubser should figure in it was a still greater surprise, for very few, if any, knew that he was one of the trustees for the Haight estate. Mr. Nubser was twice arrested, but the cause of it is not quite clear. Mr. Nubser says he will stick to his duties till everything is settled, whichever way it may be, and then get out and look up some other occupation.

That the case came up in Newburg was quite a disappointment to many here, but they have been watching the daily papers for all particulars. Saturday, Judge Hirschberg announced his decision in the matter that he had held in reserve. It allows Mrs. Mary L. Haight \$125.00 a month alimony, and \$35.00 counsel fees.

The newspapers have made a lot of grotesque errors in saying that both come of a deaf family. Fact is neither has any deaf relatives and their children can hear. Mr. Haight's wealth is greatly exaggerated. His share of his parents' estate came very near to a million—perhaps \$800,000, and his income was perhaps \$500 a month. There are efforts being made towards an amicable settlement, but from what has been said, it is hard to prophesy anything, inasmuch as both parties are hard to be induced to talk on the subject.

Mr. Harry S. Lewis, formerly of Waterbury, Conn., but now of this city, and Miss Leila M. Nelson, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., were married by the Rev. Dr. Galludet, on Tuesday, July 18th., at the brides home.

M. R. Palmer of Albany, N. Y., is in town for a few days this week. Miss Lena Sturmwald, of Brooklyn Borough, has gone to Turkey, N. J., near Freehold, to spend two months with Mrs. Henry Schanck.

Alex. L. Pach is quite indisposed since his return from St. Paul, due to change of climate and diet.

Miss M. Flynn of Albany, N. Y., is coming down Saturday, especially for the excursion next Wednesday.

Jacob Scharlin will spend a whole month up in Buffalo, commencing early in August.

H. Zero, in his travels, will touch Buffalo about Convention time.

Wilhelm Klemme, brother of Alfred, left for Germany last week. He does not expect to return. He says his brother is doing very well across the big pond, and has no idea of coming to America, at least for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McManus of Newark, N. J., have been in the city for a few days, staying with the latter's folks.

A daily has this to say:—"Deaf and Dumb Mrs. Marie Dixon of No. 174 Hopkins Ave., Jersey City, has begun a suit for divorce against Charles Dixon, whom she married in 1893. The plaintiff was Miss Futoransky. She had \$500, which she had saved from her earnings at making wrappers. She turned over the cash to her husband. Within three months after their marriage he deserted her, she says. She is ignorant of his whereabouts."

H. F. Beck and a number of friends go on a trolley outing, Wednesday of this week, to Bergen Beach.

News-items intended for this column, should reach me by Monday evening, or they can be sent direct to the JOURNAL with request to have it placed in this column, if too late to reach me.

H. S. Anderson spends the summer from beginning to the close of the bathing season at Coney Island. He is working out there, at Balmer's. H. Reicheldorf also has a job at the same place.

Anthony Capelli is enjoying a two weeks vacation from his duties as assistant instructor of printing at Panwood.

Fred Hoffman will not try to repair any more pistols. The last one proved to be a case of "didn't know it was loaded," when he found his son's fourth of July gun that was out of order. Two fingers of his left hand were severely hurt, but these digits are doing finely inside a bale of bandages.

Mrs. Max Miller has returned to town from New Haven, where she went intending to stay all summer, as the climate did not seem congenial, and, probably, hubby got lonesome.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Souweine have been recreating at Saint Josen from whence Mrs. S. went to the Catskills for a few weeks. Mr. S. will run up Saturdays to spend the Sundays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knox are at Rhinebeck, N. Y., for a fortnight, and after the excursion will go far out on Long Island, for another two weeks of rest and recuperation.

Arthur C. Baehrach has just ended another two weeks' vacation in Amagansett, L. I., but he took in a great many more places on his new '99 model "League" wheel.

The news of the death of Prof. Charles W. Van Tassel, at Tarrytown, N. Y., causes much sadness in this vicinity, where he was one of the prominent personages.

The weather has been bad for cyclers the last two Sundays. A number propose going to Rye Beach, then to Glen Island, and home by steamer, next Sunday.

That no one may miss a good time, don't forget that the excursion is next Wednesday, Aug. 2. See advertisement.

Frank Stryker is working at Funk & Wagnall's as an extra hand. Deaf-mutes are liked there.

### Sign Language on Board of Trade.

Few people who visit Chicago fail to visit the Board of Trade building and gaze down from the gallery upon the ceaseless babel and apparently senseless confusion in the wheat pit. To the uninitiated the running to and fro of messenger boys, the clicking of a hundred telegraph instruments, the unintelligible shoutings and thrusting in the air of two, three or more fingers by the bidders, is at best a veritable pandemonium. For those who may wish to visit this interesting scene of the western metropolis, we here with append an index to the most common signs used, as given by Chicago Tribune.

"If a man on the Board of Trade holds up his hand to you with the palm out and two fingers raised, you in turn nod your head, it means if you are in the wheat pit, you have bought 2,000 bushels of wheat. If the back of the hand is towards you it means, on the contrary, that you have sold the same amount. Palm out, in the sign language of the board, means sell; palm in means buy. The number of fingers raised shows the number of bushels it is desired to buy or sell. There are also a number of modifications which show to the eye of the expert the price at which the wheat is offered or the amount bid for it. These symbols are somewhat complicated, however, and it requires a careful training to thoroughly understand them. The use of the sign language in transactions on the board has stood the test of the courts, and has been held as binding as though the offer and acceptance had been written out in black and white."

## WASHINGTON.

### Summer Doings at the National Capital.

### GALLAUDET COLLEGE ITEMS.

### A Variety of News Notes.

From our Washington Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—Now that the St. Paul convention being a thing of the past, the next two things of universal interest to the deaf are the Paris Exposition and Mr. Miller R. Hutchinson's efforts to aid the deaf to hear, and while we hope that both will be a great success, we all should feel proud of the grand success of the recent St. Paul convention. While few of us readers were there to witness the details, those of us who stayed home and read the JOURNAL's account of the meeting, can appreciate each detail almost as much as if we had been present ourselves. Much credit is due the editor who will put forth so much effort to please the readers of his paper. It would be well if each person would preserve a copy of the last issue of the JOURNAL.

Whether that long looked for invitation from Queen "Vic" came or not, I am not able to say, but I can say that Kendall Green with all its grand and beautiful shade trees and green lawns, is not enough to make Prof. Hotchkiss brave the rest of the sulky summer here. He has just left for Canada where, together with his family, he will spend the rest of the vacation.

N. W. Fowler has just returned to his duties, and Miss Frederiek will soon follow to take the place of Mrs. Temple, who leaves for her home in Minnesota on the first of August.

College students will be pleased to know that the banner won by the track team has arrived at college and now graces the show case. It is fully up to the standard of the other two.

Though Washington is about as warm a place as can be found in July and August, there are thousands of visitors here weekly, from all parts of the country—mostly camera fiends. Among the visitors are many deaf persons, too. With in the past two weeks there have been twenty-three silent visitors here, though only a very few of them have acquaintances here, hence the difficulty of securing their names and addresses. Among those known were Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Stevenson, of Philadelphia; R. L. Boswell, of New York; and Harry S. Gordon, of Pittsburgh.

Mr. A. F. Adams has been sampling the waters of Lake Chautauqua for the past week. Mr. Brookmire and family leave for a month's vacation at the same place, in a few days.

Take warning, Mr. Adams. Elmer E. Hannan, who sports a medal of the Century Cycle Club, of this place, left for a fortnight's outing at Atlantic City. It is understood that he is not only in search of pleasure, but also has an eye out for a partner.

Perhaps his Minnesota friends will be interested to learn that Monsieur L. H. LeFevre, of the Treasury Department, now owns the fastest horse in the District of Columbia. It is a native of Minnesota, too, formerly belonged to Charles Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and Miss Katie Senkind attended a lawn party at the residence of Senator Barber, Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts also accompanied a party consisting of Mr. Sonder and Misses Senkind, Dailey, O'Callahan and Winnie Painter, to Chevy Chase, Wednesday, where dancing was indulged in.

We learn that the aspirations of Miss Elizabeth DeLong, a member of the Board of the Buff and Blue, is to become a journalist in the near future, but if she is not more careful, I fear she will be heard more of in connection with street car accidents.

A recent visit out to the poultry and canine farm of R. E. L. Nicholson, near the city, enables us to say that he has just been laying in a fresh supply of fine-bred fowls. He seems to be getting upon his feet at last, and all praise is due a fellow who raises up a profitable business for himself.

Of the recent graduates of Galludet College, two, Messrs. Dan Picard, of Louisiana, and Roy Stewart, of the District of Columbia, seem to have aspirations toward a degree other than B.A. The former returns to college in the fall to take a post-graduate course in chemistry to enable him to enter the Medical Department of Johns Hopkins University. The latter seeks not to enter some great college or university to further his studies, but has decided that his future field of study and research shall be a school open to all—a farm in Michigan. His subjects for study will be a plough and a

yoke of oxen, hence no necessity to cram over midnight oil.

Within a very short period three young families of two persons each have been increased to three each. They are Messrs. H. C. Merrill, E. N. Price and Clarence L. Dowell. The two former are both former college students, and while they have left Washington since marrying, their brides are natives of this place. Congratulations.

A. D. H.

### BUFFALO.

The excursion to Crystal Beach was held by the De Sales Literary Society, on the 5th inst., and was in everything a grand success. Pastimes were chiefly indulged in, and then the repast partaken. It was managed by Messrs. John Stafflinger and John Klein, who did much to make it a success. About thirty mutes went there.

In the evening of the 9th, the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lloyd were baptized by Rev. C. O. Dantzer, at St. Paul's Cathedral, in the presence of a good-sized congregation. Mrs. C. O. Dantzer and Miss Maggie Kessler acted as godmothers to Bessie Maggie, the eldest; Mr. Martin Zimmerman and his wife as god-parents to little Martie, and Mr. Fred L. Hollands and his wife to Raymond Fred, the youngest.

Mr. Philip Hillery, of Bradford, Pa., came to visit his relatives, and will stay three weeks in this city. He states that he has a month's vacation, and works at the lumber yard at Bradford.

Louis Seelbach and Robert Watts went to Rochester two weeks ago, to visit friends.

Mr. James B. Lloyd and a friend went to a picnic in Tonawanda some time ago, and reported an enjoyable time.

M. F. Newhouse, a cigar-maker, is the happy father of a female baby, who arrived at his residence two weeks ago. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. Joseph Ketter, of Erie, Pa., came here and got work. He is a tailor by occupation.

Messrs. Sol Weil, Parlour, L. Schwalger and Julie, enjoyed an excursion to Dunkirk by boat, and staid there during the whole day two weeks ago.

Messrs. Hanszel, Schwalger and Weil took a spin to the Falls some time ago, and then to Toronto.

Mr. James B. Lloyd and wife, with their children, were in Kenmore, N. Y., last Sunday, to visit friends.

Rev. C. O. Dantzer announces that he will preach at St. Paul's Cathedral in the evening of the 10th prox. A large congregation is expected to attend, because a hearty welcome will be given to all who will be present at the coming convention.

J. B. L.

### MAINED BUT SMART.

HERMAN C. COOK, OF ROSSTON, ONE OF PENNSYLVANIA'S PLUCKY YOUNG MEN.

Mr. Herman C. Cook, of Rosston, one of the brightest political correspondents in the United States, was born Jan. 2, 1876, in Cochrans Mills, Armstrong County. He entered public school at Kellys Station as early as five, and studied for two years there, when a sad accident deprived him of his hearing. In boyish sport he was climbing a tree, a limb broke and he fell to the ground, striking his head on a rock and rendering him deaf from that moment. He has made many vain endeavors to recover his hearing, but has failed. At the age of ten he entered the mute school at Edgewood, where he studied faithfully for eight years, winning many compliments from his teachers and three prizes for the faithful performance of work assigned. He is a graduate of Garfield Academy, and has already passed an excellent examination for admission to the Ramoth Theological Seminary, for one year, under the able instruction of the Rev. W. W. Wheeler, D.D., of Boston, who speaks of him in the highest terms as one of the most promising students he ever had. He is studying law under the instruction of Prof. C. P. Collier and Lawyer J. Cotner and has passed successful examinations five times in the latter's private office. It is not his intention to become a lawyer, but he desires to learn everything to brighten his mind in his good business. He has many valuable patents in the hands of the manufacturers in Europe and America and they manufacture them on a royalty. He will be one of the deaf men in Pittsburgh to organize a new factory which will be pushed by Chicago capitalists next fall.

Mr. Cook is very intelligent, of remarkable judgment, untiring energy and has resources concerning his splendid study work and business. He is to-day one of the ablest and brightest political correspondents, is an industrious young man and carry on a conversation by means of a lead pencil as rapidly as the average person talks.—Pennsylvania Grid.

## PHILADELPHIA.

### The Excursion to Atlantic City.

### NEARLY KILLED BY A GOAT.

### News of the Week.

From our Philadelphia Correspondent.

The Clerc Literary Association held its annual excursion to Atlantic City, last Thursday 20th, as had been announced.

The day was an ideal one, fair and cool in the morning and just a little too warm in the afternoon. As is usual with the association's seashore excursions, the attendance was below the hundred mark, but yet not much. Despite this fact the excursion was both enjoyable and profitable as, indeed, most former ones have been.

The day was enjoyed by bathing, yachting and sightseeing, and all day nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the silent excursionists.

A large number of our party took dinner at the Worthington Cottage, which offered a premium to the association for the patronage. In the same way did they patronize Mr. Moore's bathing establishment. It is the same one formerly used by us, except that the place is newly built, fire having destroyed the old establishment and many other buildings around last fall.

The Committee on Arrangements consisted of Messrs. F. Stumpf, Chairman; Chas. M. Pennell, Ira Poorman, H. E. Stevens, and Mrs. Wm. H. Lipsett.

Jas. S. Reider was on hand with his No. 4 Bullet Special Kodak and memorized the excursionists.

Under date of July 19th, the Philadelphia Record printed the following:—

Nine-year-old John Martin, a pupil in the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, at Mt. Airy, was teasing a goat in Ogle street, Manayunk, yesterday, when the animal became infuriated and rushing at the boy, struck him a violent blow on the neck with his horns. Assistance came for young Martin before the goat could repeat the attack, and his victim was sent to St. Timothy's Hospital, where it was found that his neck was badly lacerated.

The little boy of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Koenig, was baptized by the Rev. W. Oeser, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at 9th and Lehigh Ave., last Sunday morning, 23d. He was named Otto Louis. Mr. Louis Shoemaker, of Washington, D. C., was godfather.

Mr. Eugene McCarthy is having a pleasant sojourn of a week or so, at Atlantic City.

Rev. J. M. Koehler returned from the West on Monday, after stopping at a number of places en route in the interest of missionary work. We have not seen him yet, but suppose he is in good health, as his last letter did not indicate anything else.

Mrs. Washington Houston and daughter spent last week in the country. Mr. Houston joined them over Sunday.

Mrs. Lillian A. DeLong, of Fredericksburg, Pa., has been visiting here for nearly a week, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Reider. Her little boy, Harvey, who was brought along, is growing nicely and bears a striking resemblance of his father. They attended the excursion to Atlantic City, last Thursday, and go home about the middle of this week.

Miss Annie B. Shetty is at present growing one of the finest specimens of felons on the forefinger of her left hand, but it is nothing to be wished for. It is so painful that she is unable to work.

Mr. Edward D. Wilson has quartered his family at the Berkshire Inn, Atlantic City, N. J., and himself makes weekly trips there, remaining over Sunday. Their sojourn there may last a month or longer.

Mr. Frank P. Zell, of Manayunk, goes to Angelsea, N. J., this week, to try his luck at fishing, and later on he will give the famous boardwalk at Atlantic City a test of his avoirdupois.

Messrs. Joseph Mayer, Jr., and Townley Mondan took a trip to Lancaster City a wheel, on Sunday a week ago.

### Soldering Glass.

Margot, in some interesting investigations in soldering glass, has established the fact that an alloy composed of 5 parts of tin and 5 parts of zinc will melt at about 392 degrees Fahrenheit. Becoming firmly adherent to the glass, it is unalterable and exhibits an attractive luster. An alloy containing 90 parts of tin and 10 parts of aluminum will melt at 500 degrees Fahrenheit, and also forms a strong and brilliant solder for glass. With these two alloys always to hand, glass may be soldered as easily as two pieces of metal. When the glass is heated in a furnace, the soldering can be accomplished by rubbing the surface with a rod of either of the compositions named. The alloy as it flows can be evenly distributed with a soldering iron.



SYRACUSE NEWS.

The picnic of the Central New York deaf-mutes, at Long Branch, on Onondaga Lake, the 22d inst., was a success. The attendance was over fifty, seven of the mutes coming from Herkimer, seventy miles away. The winners of the athletic events were: Tug-of-war, won by Captain Dingman's team; T. Foster, bicycle race; Mrs. George D. Connor, walk for married ladies; John F. Keller, 40-yard dash for married men; Frank O. Lee and Thomas Kinsella, 100-yard dash, two races; Miss Jennie Winegar, walking race; Thos. Kinsella, hop-and-jump. Committee of Arrangements—E. T. Murphy and Thomas Brewer. The committee for the next picnic will be John F. Keller, Chairman, Fred Foster, of this city; James McGovern, of Herkimer; Thomas Kinsella, of Utica; and Mr. Lalonde, of Oswego.

Joseph Lever bought a new wheel here last Saturday night. Mrs. Edward T. Murphy, nee Miss Josephine Blaum, is visiting friends in New York and New Jersey. Mrs. Ellsworth A. Brown has returned home after a brief visit in Utica. STAR POINTER.

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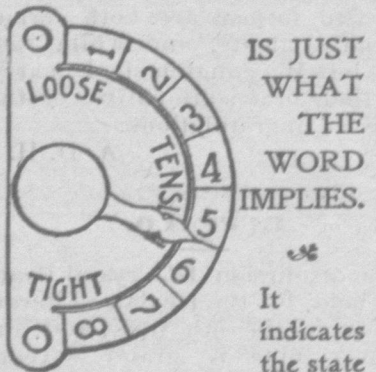
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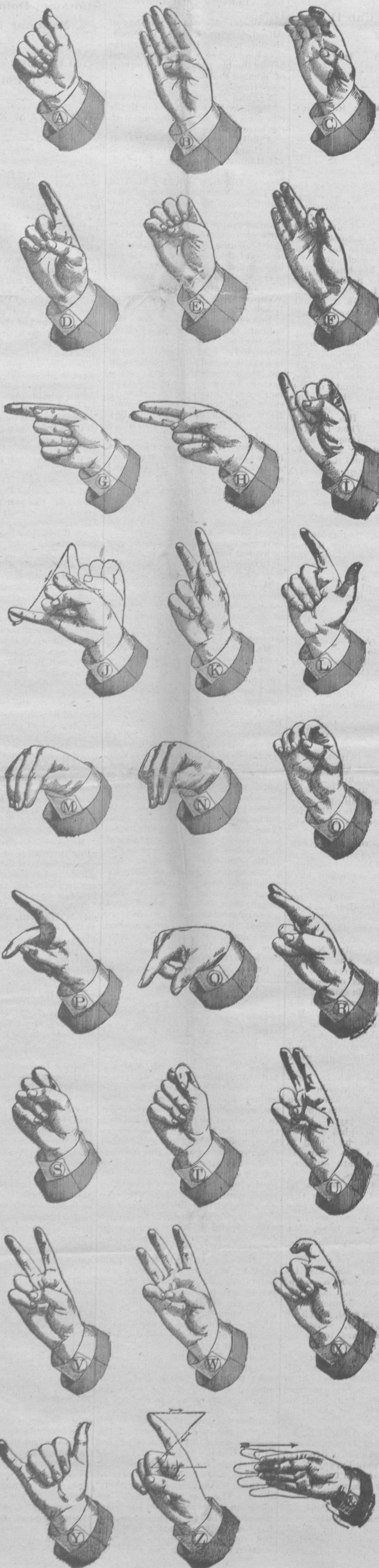
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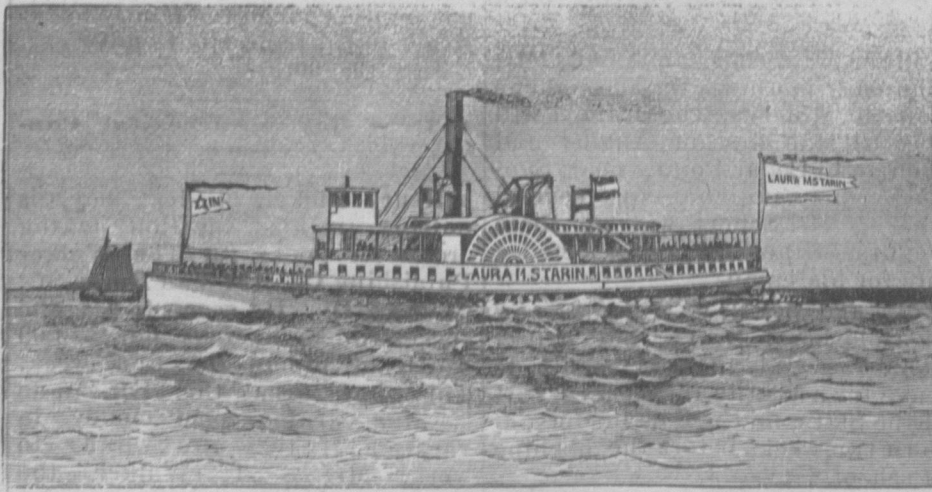
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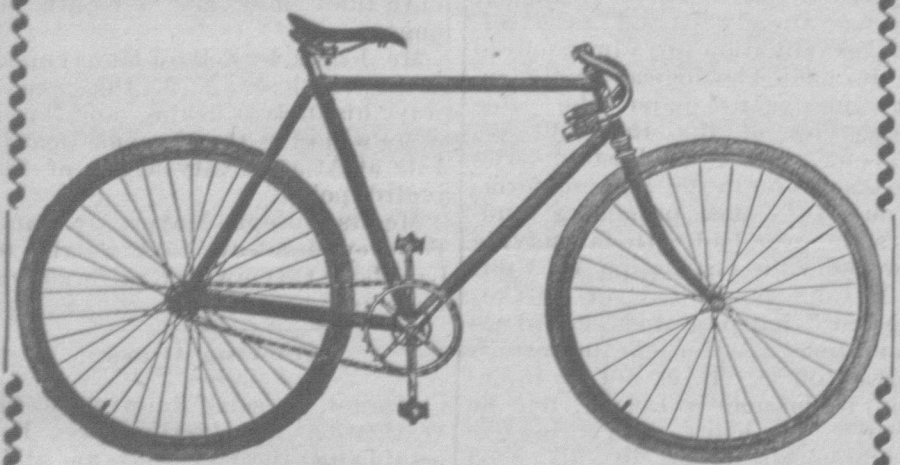
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